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HIS

MAJESTIES

Moſt Gracious

LETTER,

TO THE

GOVERNOURS and SOULDIERS

Of London-Derry,

In IRELAND;

WITH

Their moſt Dutiful and Loyal Addreſs to His Majeſty thereupon.

Licenſed according to Order.

William R.

TRUSTY and well-Beloved, We greet you well. The Eminent and extraordinary Service that you have performed unto Us, and our Kingdoms in General, by your late reſolute and unparralel'd Defence of that our City of *London-Derry*: As it does oblige Us, in the firſt place, to an humble Acknowledgment to Almighty God, for his Signal mercy in ſupporting the Hearts and Courages of our good Subjects, amidſt their great and various difficulties and diſtreſſes, ariſeing from a furious oppoſition without, yet a more preſſing neceſſity within thoſe Walls; and ſending them at laſt Deliverance, and bringing them by your Conduct to Triumph over their Enemies; which We cannot but attribute to an immediate Divine Aſſiſtance, inſpiring them with a zeal for the true Religion, and love for their Country, and an unſhaken Fidelity towards Us, and muſt ever own it as a continuation of that Miraculous Providence, which hath hitherto conducted Us throughout in our endeavours to reſettle theſe Nations in all their Civil and Religious Rights and Liberties: So in the next place taking into a ſerious conſideration, as well the importance of this

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his Succeſs, as that conſtancy and bravery, by which it hath been brought to paſs; We would not omit ſignifying unto you the juſt ſence We have of this whole Action, in which having the greateſt opportunity that can be put into the hands of any Subjects of obliging their Prince, you have in all Points acquitted your ſelves to Our ſatisfaction even beyond what could have been expected; inſomuch that it now lies on Our parts to make ſuch retribution, as well to you the Commanders in Chief, (who have been the happy Inſtruments under God of that Deliverance) as others who have ſignaliz'd their Loyalty, courage and patience in this time of Tryal, that all our Subjects being incouraged by this Example may be ſtirred up to the imitation of it, in the like hazardous, but honourable Enterpriſes. We will therefore that you rely on Our Royal favour toward you; and alſo that in Our Name you aſſure the Officers, Souldiers, and Inhabitants of that Our City, that We will take fitting occaſions to Recompence their ſervices and ſufferings in Our Cauſe; So that neither they, nor any other of Our Loving Subjects ſhall ever have reaſon to repent them of a faithful diſcharge of their Duty. And ſo We bid you farewell.

Given at Our Court at Hampton-Court, *this ſixteenth day of Auguſt* 1689. *in the firſt Year of Our Reign.*

By His Majeſties Command,

SHREWSBURY.

IMmediately upon the reading of this, Governour Michelburn Walker being in England) forthwith ordered all things to be put in readineſs, and the next day, ordered the Drums to beat, and all the Souldiers and Inhabitants, being thereby aſſembled together in the Market Place, His Majeſties Letter to be read publickly to them, all the Cannon to be fired round the Walls and from the Shipping in the River, ſeveral Barrels of Ale to be placed at the Market-Houſe, for all Perſons to drink to the Health of Their Majeſties, the Prince and Princeſs of Denmark, General *Schomberg*, &c. And at every Health a Volley of ſmall Shot to be fired, then treated all the Officers, Mayor, &c.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

HAving lately made the moſt humble, hearty, and ſincere tender of our Loyalty and Duty to your Majeſty, by the hands of your Majeſties moſt Faithful Subject and Servant Colonel George Walker, we did not think it would again be eaſily excuſable to importune Your Majeſty by any other Writing of that kind. But the Lord General of Your Majeſties Army, and our General-Governor his Grace the Duke of Schomberg, having tranſmitted hither Your Majeſties Letter of the 16th of laſt Auguſt, it ſo raiſed and tranſported us, that we could ſcarce believe our Eyes to ſee, or Ears to hear, what is contained therein: And we ſhould be as ſtupid, and as ſenſleſs as the Walls we guard, if ſilent on ſo extraordinary occaſion; for that certainly, never did ſo great a Prince condeſcend ſo much to a poor handful of His unworthy Subjects; never was Sovereignty and Goodneſs, the Wiſdom of a King, and Bowels of a Father of the People, better manifeſted and exemplified, than by this Example ſet to Poſterity; the like, perhaps, not known to former Ages. Your Majeſty, without our Motion or Application, at once hath out-done and prevented our Expectations; nay, almoſt, our very Wiſhes. Your Majeſty mentions Services, to the performance of which, our Neceſſities, and extreme Dangers, as well as our Loyalty, compell'd us; and places ſuch a high value on them, as all our Lives, had they been ſpent therein, would be too mean to anſwer. What ſhall we ſay on an occaſion, for which we can't find ſuitable Words and Expreſſions? Even thus much truly, That thoſe Lives which Your Majeſty, out of your tranſcendent Goodneſs, is pleaſed to take Care of, and to provide for, in meaſures ſo infinitely exceeding their worth, ſhall, with all imaginable Chearfulneſs, Reſolution and Loyalty, be laid down in Your Majeſties Service, whenſoever Your Affairs can be advantaged thereby. In the mean time, that Your Majeſty may be ever happy, and may triumph over Your Enemies by Your Victorious Arms, & ever be bleſs'd with Obedient and Faithful Subjects, ſhall be ſome of thoſe Prayers, which the Soldiers and Citizens, of this poor City, daily and devoutly ſend to Heaven on Your Majeſties behalf, and which we ſhall never be ſo ingrateful, or impious, as to neglect, or omit; being moſt entirely and reſolvedly

Your Majeſties moſt Faithful, Loyal, and Obedient Subjects and Servants.

Signed by Colonel *Michelburn*, and the reſt of the Officers of the Gariſon.

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